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KAISER FAILS IN TERRIFIC DRIVE

Battle for French Positions at Malancourt Is Marked by Desperate Struggle and Heavy Loss to Germans

Paris, Mar. 30.—German forces have been checked in their drive on Malancourt. It was stated today. Several attempts to re-conquer positions captured by French troops in the Avocourt region, south of Malancourt, were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers.

Germans, after a deafening bombardment, hurled a series of desperate attacks south of the Somme, 80 miles from Paris. Their headlong charge carried them through French lines west of Vermandovillar, 10 miles southwest of Peronne. Before they could establish themselves, however, French bugles called up troops of the republic for a counter-attack, which forced the Teutons to retire.

Artillery duels shook the ground last night north and east of Verdun.

General Du Ball, former commander of all the French troops in eastern France, including Verdun, returned to the capital to become military governor of the Paris district, succeeding General Mancurry, who is ill.

London, Mar. 30.—Hurling shells upon French fortified works from three sides, the Germans today sent thousands of men charging upon Malancourt in a supreme effort to capture it and seize the two highways which intersect there. French positions are admitted to be in extreme peril.

From wooded heights to the north and northeast, and from newly taken footholds close to Malancourt, the Germans are sending shell after shell into the French defenses. Replying to this bombardment, French guns on the ridge of "Dead Man's" hill and on Hill 304 are sweeping the Malancourt highways, shattering them to dust with heavy explosives so that an attempt to advance over them would be practically suicide.

Berlin, Mar. 30.—Although the Germans are centering every effort on a smash against Malancourt, the war office today failed to claim important gains there. Its statement asserted that the French had been uniformly repulsed in their attacks on Avocourt wood. Terrific artillery duels raged during the night along the river Meuse.

GOV. WITHEYCOMBE FOR COMPROMISE

Salem, Mar. 30.—Governor Withycombe still believes the state would receive much more money through a compromise with the Southern Pacific railroad in the land grant case than in any other way, he said today.

"A compromise with the Southern Pacific would net the state much more for the state school fund than it will get under the bill as it stands at present. A compromise would have ended litigation and have speedily opened the lands for settlement."

FRENCH AEROPLANES BOMBARD RY. STATIONS

Paris, Mar. 30.—French aeroplanes conducted successful raids against three railway stations from which the German crown prince was supplying his army before Verdun, according to announcements today.

HOUSE APPROVES LITERACY TEST IN BURNETT BILL

Washington, Mar. 30.—The Burnett immigration bill, including its literacy test clause, was passed by a vote of 308 to 87 in the house today.

COURT SUPPORTS VICTIMS OF PORTLAND LOAN SHARK

Portland, Mar. 30.—By an agreement entered into between the State Security company and District Attorney Evans, 310 loan shark victims will have their obligations cancelled and Manager E. E. Ware will pay a fine of \$500 assessed two years ago by Circuit Judge McGinn, following a raid upon the Security company by district attorney's office detectives. At the time of the raid \$10,000 worth of usurious notes were seized and Ware was convicted of operating in violation of the law. He appealed and the supreme court sustained Judge McGinn's sentence.

PROBE SOURCES OF VILLA'S FINANCES

Washington, Mar. 30.—Early developments in the investigation to ascertain where Francisco Villa is getting his funds were forecasted today by the department of justice.

Horst von der Goltz, formerly with Villa, has been closely questioned with regard to his source of revenue.

It was learned the evidence already at hand proved Villa was supported by both American and foreign interests. Enough has been learned already to cause the arrest of several suspects, but action is being delayed, as secret service agents hope to catch the higher-ups.

SUGAR FACTORY TO USE MUCH LUMBER

George E. Sanders, general manager of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, left Wednesday night for Salt Lake for the purpose of holding a directors' meeting, and he expects to return here within three weeks, at which time he announces the construction work will begin on the silo, beet sheds, railroad tracks, elevated tracks and loading stations. This construction work will amount to more than \$100,000 in money and will consume large quantities of cement, sand, crushed rock and lumber. The bill of lumber, which is now being bid on by Josephine and Jackson county lumber dealers, amounts to over 1,000,000 board feet, and will be the largest single order ever placed in this county for lumber.

The silos, beet sheds, loading stations, etc., all have to be completed by the 1st of August, so that the test run on the plant can begin the latter part of August, so that everything will be in readiness for the sugar-making September 1.

ROBBERS GET POUCHES OF REGISTERED MAIL

Shreveport, La., Mar. 30.—Two pouches of registered mail were taken from a Texas & Pacific train here early today by robbers who boarded the cars as they were pulling out, overpowered the clerk and helped themselves. At Shreveport Junction, after riding two miles, they jumped off and escaped.

SENATE WILL GET J. D. IF HE DON'T LOOK OUT

Washington, Mar. 30.—A resolution directing the attorney general to investigate the rise in gasoline prices was unanimously adopted by the senate today.

OPEN WAY TO ADVANCE IN THE NAVY

Sec. Daniels Would Make It Possible for Any Enlisted Man to Win Advancement and Become An Admiral

Washington, Mar. 30.—Among Secretary Daniels other ideas given by him to the house naval committee today was the suggestion that the government provide for a reserve including every sort of available men from boiler-makers to private yacht owners.

He said that the way should be cleared so that every enlisted man should know he had a chance to rise and become an admiral.

Daniels recommended that the English course at Annapolis be made as good as the one at Harvard.

Washington, Mar. 30.—Attempts of "big navy" members to heckle Secretary Daniels while he addressed the house naval committee today were foiled by Chairman Padgett.

"I recommend 7,500 additional enlisted men, 2,500 apprentice seamen, 2,152 hospital corps attendants, 2,000 marines, bringing the total personnel up to 67,592," said Daniels amid repeated efforts to interrupt him.

Padgett finally silenced those who sought to annoy the secretary, announcing that each member would have a chance to question Daniels after he had finished.

Daniels warned the committee against paying too much heed to individual officers who failed to agree with the general naval board.

"I want to advise the committee that navy officers who testified here gave only their personal views," said Daniels.

"Some of them figured their estimates on the basis of every ship in the navy being in constant commission. This is not in accordance with the policy of our navy. When a ship goes to the navy yard, they contend it should maintain its full quota of men."

"To this I have two objections. First, to have such a large number

ADMINISTRATION FIRM IN ATTITUDE TOWARD GERMAN SUBMARINE POLICY

Washington, Mar. 30.—Any expectation that the administration might recede from its determination to sever diplomatic relations with Germany if it is proved a Teuton submarine torpedoed the channel steamer Sussex was removed, it was intimated today, by the undersen boat attack on the British steamer Eagle Point, which was sunk without warning, endangering American life.

Prompt and complete settlement of the whole submarine issue is the only development that can prevent the threatened rupture, officials stated. Some believe that such a settlement would be more probable after a break in diplomatic relations than before.

The Eagle Point case simply adds proof to the mass of evidence indicating that Germany is engaged in a general submarine campaign of destruction against enemy ships.

If so, the campaign must end quickly if America is to continue to deal with the Kaiser through diplomatic channels. Disavowal of a single instance will not suffice, nor will reparation and punishment of

CARRANZA'S MEN CHASE VILLA

Gen. Pershing Reports That Bandit Flees Southward Toward Durango Mountains After Brief Clash

San Antonio, Mar. 30.—With Carranzistas in hot pursuit, Francisco Villa is heading into the northern Durango mountains, it was learned today when General Pershing's report, filed yesterday, was made public.

The report said Villa had clashed with Carranzistas at Guerrero on Monday. The engagement was brief. Villa fled southward. It is believed the Americans are attempting forced marches in an attempt to cut him off from Chihuahua City, though General Funston is unable to give the troops' whereabouts.

of men aboard ship with only a few duties to perform would be highly demoralizing and second, the men should be put on active vessels so their training would not be relaxed. For these reasons the department adopted its policy of having only 40 percent of the regular crew on vessels when they are placed in the navy yards.

"When George von L. Meyer was secretary of the navy he left only 33 per cent of the normal personnel on ships, which were inactive in the navy yards."

Daniels cited facts and figures to show how difficult it is to keep the navy up to its full enlisted strength. Five out of six applicants for enlistment, he said, were rejected. On the average, 12,875 enlistments expire annually.

"I have been a liberalist lately in permitting the purchase of discharges," said Daniels. "During 1913, 15,556 quit the service. During 1914, 13,414 and during 1915, 17,157."

"In order to increase the personnel by 15,000 next year we must enlist 21,000 in addition to re-enlistments. This necessitates the examination of approximately 140,000 applicants."

the guilty parties in one isolated case be sufficient satisfaction. Immediate cessation of such a campaign, settlement of all phases of the submarine issue, including abrogation of the "armed merchantman decree," may prevent an open break. Many believe that Germany will not make such concessions hurriedly.

A double investigation of recent submarine activities is being conducted by United States representatives in Great Britain and France and by Ambassador Gerard in Berlin. Affidavits throwing light on all recent cases are expected soon.

The most important reports are anticipated from naval and military attaches who are examining the Sussex. Gerard has not yet replied to Secretary Lansing's latest request for details.

Arrival of a fragment of bronze found in the Sussex, said to be from a German torpedo, is awaited at the state department. It is being shipped here for examination.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY DEMAND DENIED BY RAILROADS

New York, Mar. 30.—Denying the demands of more than 300,000 trainmen for an eight-hour day and increased wages for overtime work, the affected railroads today submitted counter-proposals shortly after the employees' communication was received. The concerted action of the roads was indicated by statements issued simultaneously at Chicago, Cleveland and New York.

Cleveland, O., Mar. 30.—Three hundred and sixty thousand railroad employees today submitted to 458 railroads demands for a basic eight-hour day and time and one-half pay for overtime work.

Representatives of the railway brotherhoods notified the general managers that a written answer was expected by April 29. Leaders said that strike reports circulated in New York were merely calculated to affect the stock market, and that should the railroads refuse the demands, arbitration would be the next logical step.

LONE BANDIT GETS \$3000 FROM BANK

Nordhoff, Cal., Mar. 30.—Entering the Ojai State bank here at noon today, a lone bandit covered Miss Mabel Isenberg with a revolver and fled with \$3,000 in an automobile. Poses are scouring the country for him.

The man was masked and further intimidated the girl cashier by stating that he had confederates outside. The girl was overcome with fear and it was many minutes before she notified authorities of the robbery.

The bank was deserted except for the presence of Miss Isenberg, assistant cashier, when the bandit entered. He stepped to the window and drew an automatic pistol from an outside pocket of his coat.

"Miss, if you make a sound I'll be forced to kill you," the bandit told her in a quiet voice. "Stay where you are, appear to be working and do not mind me. If you do—"

The masked man waved his weapon significantly. He at once went behind the counter, according to Miss Isenberg, and went into the vault. As near as can be estimated, \$3,000 in currency and gold was taken.

Sheriff MacMartin hurriedly organized three posses and threw a net about the immediate vicinity. The robber had 15 minutes start of the sheriff's men. A score of officers were sent to the Santa Paula road at the point where it enters the Ojai valley, while another posse was sent 16 miles to the south to guard the road there. These are the only two roads which enter the Ojai valley, and it is believed the bandit must take one of these to fly to the mountains.

FORD WILL CONTEST GOV. JOHNSON'S ORDER

Detroit, Mar. 30.—Court action to prevent enforcement of Governor Johnson's proclamation barring the Ford Automobile company from doing business in California will be instituted at once.

Ford's attorneys contend that the corporation tax which California attempted to assess was excessive. The head of the local legal department declared a decision as to future action rested with W. F. Williamson, the company's counsel at Sacramento.

MORE MATRIMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Mar. 30.—The engagement of Dr. Cary Grayson, President Wilson's close friend, and Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, of New York, was announced today.

12000 CORDS OF WOOD FOR FACTORY

Sugar Plant to Use Great Quantity of Fuel, and Beet Growers Get Preference in Supplying the Demand

The Oregon-Utah Sugar company will be in the market shortly for from 10,000 to 12,000 cords of wood, the amount of wood depending on the size of the beet crop—that is the number of acres planted—so that more acres means a greater consumption of wood, other materials and labor.

Mr. Sanders, the manager of the company, stated that the policy of the company is to buy as much of this wood as possible from the farmers and beet growers who desire to clear up and improve their ranches, as it is the wish to help the beet growers in every way possible.

All beet growers who have wood for sale should get in touch with the company's office and send in a written statement stating how many cords of wood they want to sell, where it will be delivered, either at the factory or at one of the railroad stations where beets are shipped. In this way the company will be able to make up its schedule as to how the wood should be purchased. It is not probable that the beet growers can, from their own places, supply all of this wood, therefore the company intends next to purchase slabs from the nearby sawmills to the extent of their production of slabs, and after that it will then let wood contractors or dealers furnish the balance of the wood.

This wood should all be cut prior to August 1, so that it will be more or less seasoned before delivery. The deliveries can be made at fixed intervals between the 1st of August and the 1st of October. Persons shipping wood by railroad should have the same delivered to the railroad track ready to be loaded on cars by the 1st of September.

SUBMARINE CRAFT AGAIN TERRORIZE

London, Mar. 30.—Teuton U boats have embarked on a new campaign of high sea terrorism, despite Berlin assurances to the contrary, is the view of British officials here today. It was pointed out that during the past fortnight of this month the submarines acted with caution, supposedly on orders from Berlin. But during the past fortnight the sinkings have averaged several daily.

British admiralty officials claimed they had proof that the submarines worked without discrimination and hurled torpedoes without warning, frequently at night.

Affidavits with regard to the sinking of the Eagle Point, Englishman and Manchester Engineer, and the attack on the Sussex have been forwarded to Washington. All these vessels carried Americans.

The British embassy at Paris forwarded a statement from the Sussex commander, in which he claims to have seen the torpedo coming and tried to escape it. He blamed most of the fatalities to the panic which followed the explosion.

Many Sussex victims were not identified owing to the fact that their bodies were mangled by the blast.

Mrs. J. B. Howell returned to Glendale last night after spending several days in the city.